

In the Claims

1-14. Cancelled without prejudice.

Q3 15. (Currently Amended) A method of making an elevator belt assembly having a plurality of cords within a jacket, comprising the steps of:

- (a) aligning the plurality of cords in a selected arrangement; and
- (b) applying the jacket to the cords while supporting the cords such that the applied jacket includes a plurality of longitudinally spaced grooves formed in the jacket where the grooves are at least one of
 - disposed at least in part at ~~a non-right~~ an oblique angle to the ~~a~~ longitudinal axis of the belt, and
 - spaced at varying longitudinal intervals.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 including spacing the grooves such that three sequential spacings between the grooves are all different from each other.

17-18. (Cancelled)

act 19. (Currently Amended) An elevator belt, comprising:

- a plurality of cords aligned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the belt; and
- a jacket over the cords and having a plurality of longitudinally spaced grooves on a side of the jacket, the grooves being at least one of
 - disposed at least in part at ~~a non-right~~ an oblique angle to the longitudinal axis, and
 - spaced at varying longitudinal intervals.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The elevator belt of claim 19, wherein three sequential ones of the longitudinal intervals are all different from each other.

22. (Currently Amended) The elevator belt of claim 19, wherein a first portion of each groove is disposed at a first ~~non-right oblique~~ angle to the longitudinal axis and a second portion of each groove is disposed at a second ~~non-right oblique~~ angle to the longitudinal axis.

23. (New) The belt assembly of claim 19, wherein three sequential ones of the spacings between the grooves are all different from one another.

24. (New) The belt of claim 19, wherein said groove comprises a plurality of line segments and at least one of the segments is at the oblique angle relative to the longitudinal axis of the belt.

25. (New) The belt of claim 24, wherein each line segment of a particular one of the grooves is at a different angle relative to the longitudinal axis.

26. (New) The belt of claim 19, wherein the cords comprise steel wires and the jacket comprises an elastomer.

27. (New) The belt of claim 26, wherein the elastomer comprises polyurethane.